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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference listed thereon. A copy of a Korean Office Action and a translation thereof issued in a counterpart Korean Application on August 26, 2002 is also enclosed.
- This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney.
- The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the Korean Office Action issue date of August 26, 2002.

- 4) The enclosed English translation of the Korean Office Action issued on August 26, 2002 in the counterpart Korean Application is being submitted to show why the reference is being cited as possibly material herein. The assertions and discussion of the reference set forth by the Korean Examiner are not adopted or conceded as correct by the applicant, but are submitted for the U. S. Examiner's consideration in evaluating this reference.
- 5) Reference AA is accompanied by an English language Abstract. Therefore no further discussion of the reference is required.
- 6) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Michio OSADA et al.

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